

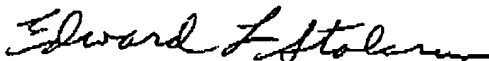
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**Remarks/Arguments:**

The specification has been amended to eliminate a minor typographical error. Claims 8 has been amended by deleting the specifically mentioned halides and chlorides referred to therein and in place reciting that the salt is selected from a group comprising of an alkali or an alkali earth metal salt. Claim 30 has been added which depends from Claim 8 and specifies that the salt is calcium chloride.

In response to the election of species requirement, and in view of the claim amendments herein, Applicant elects sodium chloride as the alkali earth metal salt specie for examination purposes. Claims 1-11 are readable on this specie. This election is made without traverse.

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